

HONORING JACKSON FRY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jackson Fry. Jackson is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jackson has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jackson has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jackson has become a Firebuilder in the tribe Mic-O-Say. Jackson has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jackson stenciled over 125 storm drains for the City of Lee's Summit to reduce flooding and pollution in their local lakes and streams.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jackson Fry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN ALLEN
CHIPMAN**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

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Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Steven Chipman of Ellington, CT. Steven died this past March and we in Eastern Connecticut are at a loss. He was a patriot, protector, and family man.

Steven Allen Chipman was born and raised in Rockville, CT. A graduate of Rockville High School and Manchester Community College, Steven joined the Connecticut National Guard in 1986 and served until 1992. He also enjoyed a 23-year career with the Vernon Police Department, before opening his own firm, Innovative Investigators, LLC.

Although Steven wore many hats in his short life, I think "protector" would be the most fitting descriptor for this man who gave so much. He was a defender of his hometown and country and a loving father. He also had a gentle way with all people. His childhood friends describe him as the sort of person who looks out for the little guy. Steven was also incredibly patient—a quality he instilled in his children, Hunter and Jake, who very much consider their father a superhero.

Steven was a beloved member of his community, and he will be missed greatly by all of those who benefited from his loyalty and service, especially the residents of our hometown of Vernon. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring Steven Chipman and expressing our deepest sympathies for his family and friends, and the eastern Connecticut region who lost a valued public servant.

CONGRATULATING DENISE
CHAVARRIA**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Denise Chavarria of Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Ms. Chavarria comes from a long line of artists and potters. Inspired by her family's technique, she strives to continue making pottery according to ancient methods. Using clay from the hills where she lives, she delicately carves and paints her pieces.

Ms. Chavarria utilizes traditional hand-coiling methods to craft her pottery. She uses an open fire for red pots and other Pueblo methods of production to make black-on-black designs, depending on the finish she desires.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Denise Chavarria for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

HONORING RONALD WESLEY EICK,
JR.**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. MIKE THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald Wesley Eick, Jr. on being selected as the Napa County Teacher of the Year and nominated as Napa County's nominee for California State Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Eick was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois along with his two younger siblings. He earned his Associate of Applied Science in General Education from Moraine Valley Community College. Mr. Eick served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. After being honorably discharged, he stayed in Northern California. He received his Associate of Applied Science in Electronics from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor of the Arts in Mathematics and Education from Western Governors University. Mr. Eick also holds a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Touro University.

Mr. Eick has been a mathematics teacher at American Canyon High School for the last nine years. Each day he strives to have every student in his classes understand the math he is teaching. He begins each day recognizing that students "don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Mr. Eick tries to show his students how much he cares about their understanding of math and their well-being, frequently acting as a mentor, advisor and role model. He strives to show his students how to have strong character and live generously.

Mr. Eick is also the founder and advisor for Mu Alpha Theta, mentor and trainer for New Teacher Induction, advisor for Gay-Straight Alliance, assistant coach for the Robotics Club, leader in Math 2 Professional Learning Community and a site team member for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Eick is an experienced and passionate educator who supports his students both inside and outside the classroom. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA AND DEAN
GRIFFITH**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda and Dean Griffith of Bridgewater, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 26, 2018.

Linda and Dean's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Linda and Dean Griffith on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

HONORING SHEILA TUCKER WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheila Tucker as a woman of the year. She is committed to improving her community both through her career and volunteerism. Ms. Tucker has served The Leaven organization faithfully as Vice President since 2014. Through her leadership the Leaven has become a national award-winning program providing after-school and summer tutoring for children living in underprivileged communities. The Leaven began with one center and has grown under Ms. Tucker's leadership to nineteen centers serving eight cities and will expand to twenty-five centers by the end of this